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## ABSTRACT

For protecting the data traffic, telecommunication systems comprise redundancies in assemblies or lines of data traffic units and clock handling units. When establishing units such as clock sources, the redundancy of the data traffic and of the clock handling must be separately indicated. This can lead to a situation in which only the data traffic is redundant but not the clock handling. The invention enhances the operational dependability of the telecommunication system. First, a redundancy is defined and established either for a part of the data traffic units or a part of the clock handling units. A redundancy corresponding to the defined redundancy is then likewise established for the other part. The inventive telecommunication system comprises a mechanism for establishing a data traffic redundancy and a mechanism for establishing a clock redundancy that are connected to one another.